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Did you know?

The 2-seat North American F-100F Super Sabre was flown by the 162nd from 1959 to 1964 and 1969 to 1978.

White Mountain Picnic will be held at a new location

The 2013 Annual AZANG White Mountain Retirees Picnic has been moved. On Thursday, June 20th, at 3 p.m., retired Arizona Air Guard members will gather in the orchard behind Charlie Clark's Steak House in Pinetop, AZ for the 9th annual White Mountain Picnic. This new location is in a secured business area.



Unlike in previous years, you will **not** be allowed to bring your own drinks. Drinks of all kinds will be available for purchase but the special meal from Charlie Clark's kitchen is included in the picnic fee.

Vehicle parking at this event is free.

This new location provides some nice changes to this annual event. Charlie Clark's orchard is a cool shaded environment with giant trees providing a festive atmosphere. This is a nice place where retirees can talk over old times, enjoy good food, and spend a relaxing midsummer afternoon sharing stories with old friends.

Cost this year will be \$15 per person.

Put this event on your calendar. June will be here before you know it. More detailed picnic info will appear in the next newsletter.

If you have questions about the picnic, lodging or the general Pinetop area, call Hugh Kennedy on his cell phone at (520) 405-6891.

Looking forward to seeing you this year.

Express-Scripts is the best way to buy medications through TriCare

A recent news article outlined the phenomenal cost of medications provided to the Department of Defense through TriCare, which includes both current and retired military personnel. The article stated that 90% of all drugs purchased are for retirees, which shows that retirees continue to have a major impact on the military budget. Consequently, retirees should do everything possible to keep the cost down to help preserve this benefit; which is one of the best available. Buying drugs the cheapest way is one thing that each retiree can do to help.

There are 3 ways to acquire your medications through TriCare: (1) mail order through Express-Scripts, (2) at a military base pharmacy (Davis-Monthan AFB in Tucson), or (3) through an authorized retail pharmacy. Option 3 is the least desirable. Purchasing medications from a retail pharmacy is by far the most expensive way to go; for both you and for the government.



Uncle Sam has set this up to be easy for you. The easiest and most cost-effective ways to buy meds are directly by mail order from Express-Scripts, or by a visit to a military base pharmacy. On-base pharmacies are effective and convenient if you live close by; however, choosing mail order means you don't have to leave home to order, and medications are sent in the U.S. Mail. To get home delivery started go on-line to www.express-scripts.com/tricare. For those without a computer, you can start home delivery by simply calling 1-877-363-1303 and talk with a live, helpful representative to set up your account.

It behooves all of us to minimize our TriCare drug costs. We can help by getting medications in the easiest and least expensive way. Do your part to ensure this critical benefit will be there for all of us in the future.

Retiree Events March - June 2013

Monthly Retirees Luncheon
Held the second Wednesday of each month at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 4380 E. 22nd St., 11:30 a.m. Scheduled dates are:

Mar 13
Apr 10
May 8
June 12



Seasonal Monthly White Mountain Retirees Breakfast
Held the second Wednesday of each month from May to September. This event is held at Mama Bear's Restaurant, 2849 W. White Mountain Blvd, Lakeside, AZ, 7:30 a.m. Scheduled dates are:

May 8
June 12



Monthly Flightline Luncheon
Held the last Monday of each month at the Skybox Restaurant, NE corner of River and Craycroft, 12 noon. Scheduled dates are:

Mar 25
Apr 29
May 27
June 24



DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (This form given for time on active duty)

NGB Form 22, Report of Separation (This form given for time served in the National Guard)

Where are your military service records?

By now you would think all military retirees would have located their military service records and put them in a safe place where the family can find them. Specifically the DD214 and NGB22, which show time and dates of service. Some retirees pass away without making dependents aware of these forms. At death, the DD214 entitles the deceased to an honor guard, burial flag and possibly a grave marker and burial in a VA cemetery; courtesy of Uncle Sam. The NGB 22 won't get the same package as the DD214 but it's an important document and gets certain benefits which includes an honor guard and burial flag. If forms are not available survivors will have to find a way to get them or pay for things that may normally be covered by VA benefits.

If you know where your forms are, share them with your family now. If you can't find them, complete information on acquiring military records is available in the **162FW Guide to Retirement Benefits, page 7**. The *Benefits Guide* is available for instant download from www.162fw.ang.af.mil/retirees.asp or by requesting a printed copy from the Retirees Office. (Office contact information is in the upper LH corner of this page. We will respond to a phone call, letter or e-mail by mailing the *Guide* to you - if we have your mailing address.)

Each Guard retiree's situation is different as some have both National Guard and active duty time. Funeral directors generally know about required forms and eligible benefits. Ask them to help sort things out for you.

History Revisited

This article appeared in the "El Tigre Roar", the 152nd FIS UTA Bulletin dated 23-24 Nov 1957.



HAIRCUTS & SUCH:

"Faddish" type haircuts have never been compatible with the military uniform. The commander is not asking for the extremes... it is only desired that the "ducktails" and Elvis sideburns be modified to a more conventional haircut before the inspection in ranks. With only one such inspection per month it shouldn't be difficult for all personnel to show with a fresh haircut. Also...it was noted during the last inspection that quite a few of the caps and hats were soiled and require cleaning or replacement.



Retirees Remembered



The following former members of the 162nd Fighter Wing recently passed away:

Ulay W. Littleton Sr. Ulay was a 162nd pilot who served the unit in Operations during the F-100 and A-7 programs.

Robert G. Brodner. Bob was one of the early unit members who served for many years in Aircraft Maintenance.

Joseph V. Radford. Joe was a WWII vet who later came to the 162nd and served with us in Aircraft Maintenance.

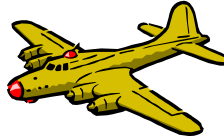
We extend sincere condolences to the family and friends of these former Guardsmen.

WWII vets recognized by Honor Flight Southern AZ

Honor Flight Southern Arizona is a local chapter of the Honor Flight Network, a national organization that provides free trips to Washington, D.C. for WWII veterans to see the WWII Memorial and other sights.



are always welcome. Call (520) 204-1391 for information or go to the website at www.honorflightsaz.org.



If you know a WWII veteran who could benefit from this program, contact Honor Flight to get things started. There are also opportunities for non-WWII individuals to assist as a Guardian on these trips. Additionally, donations

Income tax assistance available at DMAFB

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) has returned and is available at DMAFB during this tax season. Get your income tax processed and submitted for free.

This is one more military retiree perk you have earned. VITA is located in the Retired Activities Office building on-base south of the DM main gate on Craycroft Rd. Call (520) 228-3489 for information and/or to make an appointment.



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